

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

From The Manager



*By Mark Sandoval,
Manager of Marinas & Beaches*

Dog days of summer. That always seemed to have a negative connotation to me, but I have been at different areas of the waterfront for many of the

recent Sea Festival events, and it never ceases to amaze me what a wonderful waterfront we have in Long Beach. I hope you have had many opportunities to get your vessel out on the water and enjoy this also.

Many of our future newsletters will include updates on the rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina, since the rebuild of the downtown marinas is complete. To provide you with an update, the bid documents are complete. The review by the City Attorney is nearly complete. We thought we could get the job through with an environmental categorical exemption, but our City planning staff wanted to go with a negative declaration (read – “more work”), and therefore it set the job back a number of months in order to gather more environmental information through the use of a specialist. The current schedule is to have the bid “on the street” by mid or late August, hold at least one bidder’s conference, have a contract in place by the end of the year, or early next year, and be under construction in Basin 4 early next year. It is also our intention to complete the lion’s share of the land work in the first couple of years, so

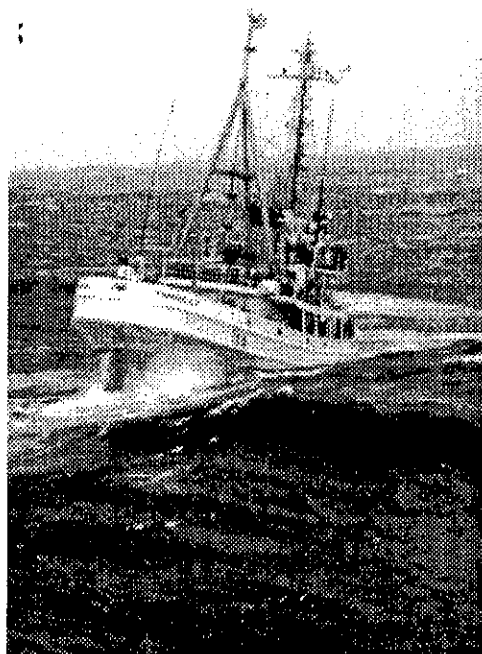
although you may not get your individual dock replaced earlier in the process, you will at least benefit from a new restroom. We will know much more as we get a contractor on board and begin finalizing the process. Thanks to the Boat Owner’s Association for hosting a meeting recently where we presented the rebuild plan. It was very well attended, and I hope informative.

On a separate topic, you may have heard that there is a grass-roots effort to get the City recognized as the “Aquatics Capital of America.” I have been involved with this group, as I have been the primary source of the aquatics facility and program information. Obviously I am supportive of this effort, since my primary responsibility is waterfront recreation. I trust that you are also supportive, since your recreation of choice is on the water. Hopefully this effort will not get too political and will get the support it needs to move forward.

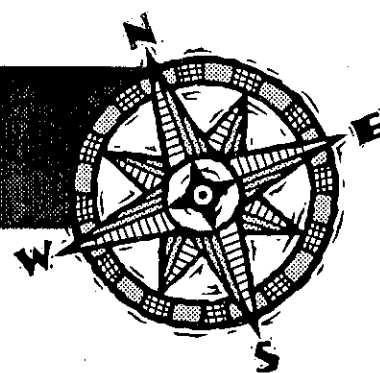
Finally, I received a report of a near-tragic mis-hap on the docks. Apparently, a live electric line was left submerged in the water, and the son of one of our customers went for a swim and received a severe shock. Our customer is sure that it may have been fatal had the individual swimming been a child or older individual. Please be reminded that it is imperative that you manage your electrical cords to avoid any accidents.

As always, happy and healthy boating.

Mark A. Sandoval



US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY



Coastal Navigation Class Offered

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 3-1, will be sponsoring a class of Basic Coastal Navigation with GPS, on each Wednesday evening 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning September 12, 2007. This is an 8-week course. The class will be held at "Peck Park Recreation Center", 560 N. Western Avenue, San Pedro, (Corner of Western and Crestwood). Cost is \$45.00, for textbooks. For further information call Barbara Plebuch, 310-377-7219.

TIDE CHART FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1. Sa	6:01	1.4	7:26	0.7	12:21	4.5	12:29	5.8
2. Su	6:35	2.0	8:52	0.7	1:33	3.7	1:18	5.8
3. Mo	7:16	2.7	10:34	0.5	3:26	3.2	2:23	5.6
4. Tu	8:39	3.2	--	--	6:10	3.3	3:49	5.5
5. W	12:01	0.2	10:58	3.2	7:26	3.7	5:18	5.6
6. Th	1:03	-0.2	12:25	2.9	8:02	4.1	6:28	5.8
7. F	1:49	-0.4	1:22	2.5	8:32	4.4	7:22	6.0
8. Sa	2:27	-0.5	2:07	2.0	8:58	4.6	8:07	6.1
9. Su	2:59	-0.4	2:45	1.7	9:22	4.8	8:46	6.0
10. Mo	3:26	-0.2	3:20	1.4	9:44	5.0	9:21	5.8
11. Tu	3:51	0.1	3:54	1.1	10:05	5.2	9:55	5.5
12. W	4:13	0.5	4:27	1.0	10:26	5.3	10:28	5.1
13. Th	4:34	0.9	5:02	1.0	10:46	5.3	11:03	4.7
14. F	4:53	1.4	5:39	1.0	11:07	5.3	11:39	4.1
15. Sa	5:10	1.8	6:21	1.2	11:30	5.2	--	--
16. Su	5:22	2.2	7:16	1.3	12:23	3.6	11:55	5.1
17. Mo	5:23	2.6	8:39	1.5	1:27	3.1	12:27	4.9
18. Tu	--	--	10:39	1.4	--	--	1:16	4.7
19. W	--	--	11:56	1.0	--	--	2:53	4.6
20. Th	10:32	3.6	--	--	8:22	3.7	4:42	4.7
21. F	12:43	0.6	12:04	3.2	7:58	3.9	5:53	5.1
22. Sa	1:18	0.2	12:52	2.7	8:04	4.2	6:45	5.5
23. Su	1:48	-0.1	1:33	2.0	8:19	4.5	7:31	5.8
24. Mo	2:17	-0.2	2:13	1.4	8:38	5.0	8:15	6.0
25. Tu	2:46	-0.2	2:55	0.7	9:01	5.4	8:59	6.0
26. W	3:16	0.0	3:38	0.2	9:28	5.9	9:45	5.7
27. Th	3:46	0.4	4:24	-0.2	9:58	6.2	10:34	5.3
28. F	4:18	0.9	5:14	-0.4	10:31	6.5	11:27	4.7
29. Sa	4:50	1.5	6:10	-0.3	11:08	6.5	--	--
30. Su	5:23	2.1	7:16	-0.1	12:30	4.0	11:50	6.3

PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency
911 or 9911 (Dock Phone)

Non Emergency
(562) 435-6711

Maintenance during
working hours
(562) 570-1582

Alamitos Bay Office
(562) 570-3215

Shoreline Office
(562) 570-4950

Rainbow Harbor
(562) 570-8636

After office hours
(562) 570-3101

SLIP FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2008

Effective October 1, 2007, the marina slip fees will be increased by a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment, consistent with the policy adopted five years ago. The CPI adjustment for the period is 3.49%.

About 10 years ago, the rates for the Downtown marinas and the Alamitos Bay Marina were the same, and had been the same since the Downtown marinas were built. However, we had significant vacancy in the Downtown marinas, and were embarking on waterfront construction that would exacerbate some of the problems in the Downtown area. As a result, we lowered the rates in the Downtown marinas. This reduction was designed as a temporary rate reduction.

Since the rebuild of the Downtown marinas is complete, we determined it was time to eliminate the temporary slip rate reduction. In addition, the Marine Advisory Commission recently developed and recommended a Slip Pricing Policy. The first tenet of that Policy is "The pricing of all slips in the Long Beach Marinas should be the same, regardless of location or condition of the slip."

As a result, the slip fees for the slips in the Downtown marinas will change to match the rates in the Alamitos Bay Marina, effective October 1, 2007.

The new rates effective October 1, 2007 will be as follows:

<u>Slip Size</u>	<u>FY 08 Rate</u>
29 feet or less	\$ 9.95
Greater than 29, less than 34	10.95
Greater than 34, less than 44	12.10
Greater than 44, less than 49	13.30
Greater than 49, exc. Berths & Basin 8	14.50
Basin 8	14.50
ABM Landing Dock (inside Dock)	5.20
Berths 1, 2, & 3	14,835.35*
Wide Slip Fee	.68

<u>Slip Size</u>	<u>FY 08 Rate</u>
Rainbow Harbor	
Commercial Slip Fee	14.50
Temporary Assignments	
Less than 30 feet	10.95
30 feet - 44 feet	14.50
Greater than 44 feet	14.90

*Annual bill rate, monthly bill rate: 1,236.28

Your October slip fee bill will reflect the annual CPI adjustment and an amount to increase your security deposit to the new monthly rate.

The CPI is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased. This data is provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and is available on their website www.bls.gov. We use the change in the annual Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, for the Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside Region, rounded up to the nearest five-cent increment.

The percentage change is calculated by the difference in the index from April of the current year minus the index for the previous year. This sum is then divided by the index from the previous year to get the percentage of the increase. The following example shows the calculation for this year's fee adjustment:

	<u>Index April</u>
Year 2005	210.5
Year 2006	217.845
Change in index points	7.345
Percent change	$7.345/210.5 = .0349$ or 3.49%